

23rd October 2020

Year 5 Letter

Dear Parents

This week in maths, we have worked hard as a class to learn the 8 X table, as many children were finding this a bit tricky. We completed our statistics unit by leaning about two-way tables and timetables, then the children completed an end-of -unit assessment. In English, the children wrote a detailed fact file about the love-in -idleness flower, which Oberon uses for magical purposes in A Midsummer Night's Dream. We also did lots of history this week, finding out about Henry VIII and his six wives and writing a detailed comparison between the lives of Tudor children and modern children.

We had a great morning of science, when we carried out an investigation to see how we could separate different mixtures, including rice and paper clips, salt and water, sand and water, and flour and raisins - we had to use a different process to separate each mixture.



Teacher of the Week

It is Black History Month, so Ella L's teacher of the week about Rosa Parks fit in perfectly. Ella started with a segregation activity, then told the children all about Rosa Parks and how she refused to give up her seat on a bus as she was expected to do, since she was black and the person wanting the seat was white. Her brave move resulted in her being arrested, a year- long boycott of the buses took place and eventually the law was changed, so buses were no longer



allowed to segregate their seats according to the colour of the passengers' skin. Having been told about these events, the children then watched a super video. Ella was knowledgeable and passionate about her subject and the whole presentation had a great message.

Home learning

There will be no home learning for the holiday, apart from the usual reading and spellings, as everyone certainly deserves a good rest.

Forest School

The dates for our Forest School sessions next term are Friday 13th November and Friday 4th December. As always, volunteer helpers, who have been DBS checked, would be very much appreciated.

I hope the children have a great week at home and return to school refreshed and ready to learn once more.

With best wishes,

Louise Grinstead